



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE
PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, AND PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE
& URBAN DESIGN/PROJECT REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

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JOINT MEETING AGENDA: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.
North Park Recreation Center/Adult Center, 2719 Howard Avenue.

- I. Parliamentary Items **(6:00 pm)**
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Modifications to & adoption of the March 13, 2013 Agenda
 - C. Chair's Comments
 - D. Approval of Previous Minutes: March 13, 2013 (PF) & March 4, 2013 (UD)
 - E. Announcements: (See last page of Agenda for details and links)
- II. **Non Agenda Public Comment** (2 min. each). Please fill out a Public Comment Sheet and give to Chair prior to the meeting.
- III. **Information Items: None**
- IV. **New Business: (Action Items)**
 - A. **Stop Sign at Mississippi & Madison:** Traffic calming on Madison between Texas & Park, first heard on 2/13/2013 as a V-Calm sign request. See Page 2 for map and signatures for approval for preferred option of stop sign and previous motion.
 - B. **NP Community Plan Update – Land Use Map:** Presentations, discussion & comment on proposed Land Use Map prior to handing off to City Staff **(6:15 to 7:00)**
 - C. **NP Community Plan Update - Recreation Element:** Discussion of presentation by City staff of evaluation of Community-Proposed Park Sites. Discussion & comment on Rec. Element prior to handing off to City Staff **(7:00 to 7:45)**
 - D. **NP Community Plan Update – Remaining Elements:** Update, Discussion & Planning **(7:45 to 7:55)**
- V. **Old/Ongoing Business: (Update/discussion/possible Action Items)** (see announcement for links)
(Note: these items may be trailed to following month if we run out of time)
 - A. **MTS Streetcar Feasibility Study:** Discussion
 - B. **Angle Parking Policy:** Discussion – Report/update from Ernie Bonn
 - C. **Utility Box Task Force:** Update and next steps
 - D. **Regional Bike Corridor Project, Mid-City & Uptown:** Update/Discussion)
- I. **Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items. (7:55 to 8:00)**
- II. **Next Meeting date: PF Subcommittee: Wed., May 08, 2013 – 6pm / UD Subcommittee: Mon., May 06, 2013**
- III. **Adjournment (8:00 pm)**

Times listed are estimates only. Please speak only when recognized by the Chair. Be respectful of others and their ideas. Listen and be open-minded. No interruptions or side conversations. Stay focused on issues rather than personalities.

* **Subcommittee Quorum:** Total seated members cannot exceed 13, with a maximum of 7 elected NPPC Board Members (cannot exceed NPPC quorum) and 6 Community Voting Members. The majority of total seated members must be elected NPPC board members

** **Community Voting Members:** Community members gain subcommittee voting rights after attending at least three subcommittee meetings. Elected Board Members have voting rights anytime.

City of San Diego Street Design Manual: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/pdf/peddesign.pdf>

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Links/Notes/ Attachments/Background for Agenda Items:

Item IV.A :MOTION of 2/13/2013: To approve a V-calm sign for 2144 Madison Avenue (westbound) between Texas & Park Blvd. and to request the City study vehicular speeds with the possibility of installing a stop sign as a preferred solution at Madison Avenue & Mississippi Street. Granowitz/Callen (8-0-0) (6:05 to 6:15)

City of San Diego
STOP SIGN PETITION

Submitted by:
Sean Chen
2138 Madison Ave. CA 92116
(619) 220-0136

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED PROPERTY OWNERS/MANAGERS/TENANTS support the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Madison and Mississippi St. as a measure to help control the increasing volume of traffic travelling well above the posted speed limit of 25 MPH.

Property Address (Print)	Name (Signature)	Mailing Address (If different from property address)
2138 MADISON AVE SAN DIEGO, CA	SEAN CHEN	
SD 92116 2120 MADISON AV	NAIDA HINDER	
2125 MADISON SAN DIEGO CA 92116	NADIA SANDER	
4611 MISSISSIPPI ST SD CA 92116	LISA MARTELL	
4614 MISSISSIPPI ST. SD CA 92116	KIM SINGER	
92116 4628 MISSISSIPPI ST	John Paden	
4581 MISSISSIPPI ST	Howell Clay	
2144 MADISON AVE	NANCY KEYS	
2219 MADISON AVE	MAKENZIE READ	
1011 MADISON AVE SAN DIEGO CA 92116	JROB MARKSBERG	
2220 MADISON AVE	JOE BENNETT	

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2135 Madison Ave San Diego, CA 92116	Justin Cressly	Same
2135 Madison Ave San Diego, CA 92116	Arnon Vaisovik	
2128 Madison Ave San Diego, CA 92116	Scott Kasperowicz	Same
4605 MISSISSIPPI ST SD. 92116	WILLIAM MACKER	SAME
2145 Madison Ave San Diego, CA 92116	Ana-Luisa Kekis	same
4593 MISSISSIPPI ST San Diego, CA 92116	Ronan O'Malley	same



NPPC-PF Subcommittee 02/13/2013 Announcements:

Link to San Diego General Plan Recreation Element:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/genplan/pdf/generalplan/recreationelement.pdf> -



SANDAG Regional Bike Projects:

- Uptown Regional Bike Corridor **Community Advisory Group**: Beth Robrahn, Project Manager
http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/uptown_intro.aspx
- Mid-City Regional Bike Corridor (Includes North Park) Advisory Group: Bridget Enderle, Project Manager
http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/NorthParkMidCity_intro.aspx

MTS City/Park Streetcar Feasibility Study: <http://www.sdmts.com/streetcarstudy.asp>

The Metropolitan Transit System completed a study in October 2012 to evaluate the feasibility of reconnecting Balboa Park, the San Diego Zoo and Downtown San Diego through a fixed-guideway, electrified streetcar line. The project study corridor runs between the City College Trolley Station area, served by San Diego Trolley Blue and Orange Lines and over a dozen bus routes, and Balboa Park, in the vicinity of the San Diego Zoo.

Final Feasibility Study – 10/9/12

- **Executive Summary**  (670 KB) <http://www.sdmts.com/documents/City-Park-Streetcar-Executive-Summary.pdf>
- **Full Study**  (11.2 MB) <http://www.sdmts.com/documents/City-Park-Streetcar-Full-Study.pdf>

SANDAG News:

The March 2013 edition of [rEgion](#), the SANDAG electronic newsletter, is now available online. Articles include:

- [Two transit stations reopen](#)
- [New rail underpass opens in Encinitas](#)
- [Telecom and IT sector supports 66,000+ local jobs](#)
- [South Bay Expressway sees record usage levels](#)
- [Traffic has improved in the I-15 corridor](#)

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North Park Community Association (NPCA):

See the NPCA's home page <http://northparksd.org/> and their community calendar at <http://northparksd.org/meetings-calendar>. Contact news@northparksd.org to have your event/meeting added to the calendar

University Heights Community Association (UHCA):

See the UHCA home page <http://uhsd.org/>

Adams Ave Business Association (AABA): <http://www.adamsavenuebusiness.com/>

AABA March Meetings:

4/2 Board Meeting
4/11 Promotions Committee
4/16 Business Plan & Develop Committee
4/19 Finance Committee
4/27 Adams Ave. Unplugged
5/1 Executive Committee

University Heights Community Development Corporation (UHCDC): www.uhcdc.org



El Cajon Boulevard Business District: www.theboulevard.org

North Park Main Street: <http://northparkmainstreet.com/>



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PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, AND PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013, 6:00 p.m., North Park Recreation Center/Adult Center
2719 Howard Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

Attendance:

Seated Board Members: Dionné Carlson (Chair), René Vidales (Vice-Chair), Vicki Granowitz, Peter Hill

Community Voting Members: Ernie Bonn, Rob Steppke, Kitty Callen (arrived 6:11)

Board member not seated: None

Also present: Lynn Susholtz, Matti Asgarian, Marlon Pangilinan

Parliamentary Items:

Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm

Approve March 13, 2013 Agenda. Motion: Approve Agenda Vidales/Steppke. 6-0-0

Chair's Comments. None

Approval of Previous Minutes, February 13, 2013.

Motion: Approve February 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes with the following corrections: New Business B, last paragraph, add "but the second V Calm sign was not approved by the property owner in the second location". Steppke/Bonn. 6-0-0

Announcements & Non-Agenda Public Comment:

Ernie Bonn announced the following

- A. Bonn: University Heights Historical Society's will sponsor a presentation by Alex Bevil on the North park Water Tower at Grace Lutheran Church, Thursday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Steppke: Residents spoke in favor of the V Calm sign at last Council President Gloria's neighborhood coffee.
- C. Bonn: University Heights CDC/Historical Society met with Mayor Filner on historic preservation issues. Presented information on University Heights Teacher's Training Annex.

Information Items: None

New Business:

- A. **NP Community Plan Update - Recreation Element:** Presentation by City staff (Marlon Pangilinan) of City Staff's evaluation of Community-Proposed Park Sites for population-based parks (from community input received during 2012 CPUAC meetings).

Mr. Pangilinan presented matrix with the community-suggested locations, showing data on each location and a feasibility/prioritization ranking for each site, based on the list of criteria used by City Staff (also presented in a hand-out).

Discussion on matrix

- Peter Hill suggested removing Post Office site (#9) from list to simplify future discussion, since it is currently under private development and no longer available as a potential park site.
- Granowitz: Asked whether Bird Park could be added to the list before Tuesday's NPPC meeting. It was part of original input, but somehow fell off list. Pangilinan thinks that it can and will check with park planner.
- Callen: Site #21 too steep for a park
- Hill: Clarify the term "underlying owners?" on site #4. Pangilinan responded that when the City vacated the paper-only street, the land went to adjacent property owners. If transfer is final, this lowers the sites rank as a potential park due to difficulty in land acquisition.
- Vidales: Requested (unnumbered item) 31st & North Park Way to be included as a numbered item. Suggested adding a separate list of park sites by priority ranking for Full Board meeting, with highest ranked first.
- Steppke: Made comment on Site #27. Redevelopment Committee had looked at site; possible utility lines close to the surface, making a hardscape type park more feasible than some other options. Committee felt skateboard park/surface use might be a possible option for park development in this location.
- Susholtz mentioned that Site #29 also has utilities near surface, same issues.
- Susholtz: Regarding site #3, other plans (from +- 20 years ago) exist for developing this site that aren't shown in the matrix. .
- Susholtz: Park site list has no mention of conceptual recreational corridor connecting to Balboa Park (Site #23). Granowitz has info on green belt concept and has given in the past to Robert at KTU&A (consultants on NPPP community plan update). Green Belt Corridor along Oregon street was drawn on CPUAC maps during workshops. Oregon Street preferred as a "safe route to schools" linear park route, since it connects several schools & churches all the way from OLP in the North to the North Park Park and all the way down to Balboa Park, and has the street width to accommodate some creative options.
- General discussion on linear park ideas, street vacation, single-lane one-way streets & other concepts for creating linear park corridors, with general board support for sacrificing a lane of traffic (possibly by making a few streets one-lane one-way) to create walk-friendly/bike-friendly greenbelt corridors with wider sidewalks, landscaping & minipark elements, but not supportive of losing much/any of the limited parking in the area. Group supportive of any creative way to keep bike tracks separated from traffic flow, including by parked cars (track between sidewalk curb and parked cars). Discussion of need for bike-lane-traversable pedestrian "bump-outs" to calm traffic, and make both bike and pedestrian routes across intersections safer.
- Connectivity is key.
- Granowitz: Arizona Landfill has been considered for park space in the past.
- Chair Carlson asked about process of acquiring private land for parks and Marlon explained that private ownership doesn't preclude consideration as park site/inclusion on list, so long as land not yet fully developed. DIF fees can be used to acquire a site.
- Steppke: Site #7 has steep incline, possible site for community garden. Site #1 designated as flight memorial site? Granowitz said memorial plaque is now at the North Park Library, so site #1 still a possibility..
- Granowitz: Site #6 will be impacted by Mid-City rapid bus project; not good for garden or park.
- Callen: Site #21 is site small and too steep to use? Granowitz responded that terracing typically requires a lot of fill brought in and isn't always practical. Asgarian suggested a park ranger to meet with. Granowitz said it was necessary to get input from experts who build parks.
- Carlson: Asked about the costs of terracing/developing steep hillside sites and how those factor into the viability of a park site. Vidales said retaining walls are the highest cost of projects that propose terracing.

- Bonn: Polk and Florida site is not listed. Discussion: site is steep. Bonn: have public plazas been considered? Carlson clarified that all potential sites should be identified during this phase, for any type of park. Deciding what types of parks could go onto which site will happen further down the road, and is not necessary to do as part of the current process.
- Granowitz: Site #35, Roosevelt no longer part of Balboa Park, now belongs to Board of Education. Important to designate correctly. Marlon will follow up and correct Matrix.
- Steppke: Regarding item G, Joint Use & Cooperative Partnerships and Site #17, St. Augustine School is probably not possible to involve as joint use. Better to consider as visual open space without joint-use agreement.

Community gardens

Asgarian expressed interest in community gardens; asked if this is the appropriate setting to pursue the idea. Pangilinan responded that no particular community garden areas have been identified so far. Susholtz suggested North Park Way and 31st with Boundary St. , and said Illinois St. also as a good potential CG site. Callen proposed a contact name in the Alta Dena community to Asgarian for community garden development. Granowitz added that businesses can also put gardens in. Vidales added that two elements (sustainability and recreation) already have language to support the concept of community gardens. Granowitz wants to make sure we distinguish between community gardens on public land (parks) and those on private land. Bonn added that Balboa Park nursery has lots of space. Granowitz pointed out that City unlikely to be willing to offer that space for a community garden, as it is in constant use; also landfill space can't be irrigated. Granowitz said it would be helpful to get input from people who build parks. Callen added that many donations (in kind) were made when Altadena Community Park was built. Asgarian added that community garden organization important. Carlson expressed an interest in park development cost information, so as to better understand cost/benefit of prioritizing the various park locations. Asgarian asked Pangilinan if current regulation (e.g. gray water) is incorporated in park designs.

Other topics

- Susholtz asked about North Park Main Street's Sustainability Implementation Plan inclusion. Chair Carlson responded yes, there is a separate Sustainability Element which Dye/Vidales are overseeing. Discussion of Herman Street between University Avenue and North Park Way.
- Carlson presented Granowitz' list of points/items for Recreation Element. Discussion by Granowitz: distinguished between open space and parks. Discussion about how to include open space in recreation element and general organization of element.
- Bonn: How should we address View corridors? Pangilinan: mostly under Urban Design
- Hill: Park funding/Quimby Act that San Diego doesn't follow: Read from General Plan Recreation Element: "Since January 2000, the City has been without an implementing ordinance giving authority to exact land and development costs from subdividers for park and recreation infrastructure to serve new residents as provided by state law (Quimby Act.) At that same time, park service district fees and special park fees were omitted from the revised Land Development Code. These actions have resulted in a lack of funding required for acquisition and development of new population-based park land and recreation facilities to serve future residents." Granowitz said discussion ongoing within the city about reestablishing following Quimby Act.

Discussion about preparing for board meeting. Carlson asked committee members to study material prior to next Tuesday's NPPC board meeting & be prepared.

B. NP Community Plan Update – Remaining Elements

No discussion

Ongoing Business

- A. MTS Streetcar Feasibility Study.** No further information per Chair Carlson. Ernie Bonn mentioned that San Diego Historic Streetcars is working on presentation to Mayor Filner.
- B. Angle Parking Policy:** Ernie Bonn reported that only one Parking Advisory Board meeting has occurred in last 4 months. Looked at municipal code update for red curbs, other traffic calmers. No further updates.
- C. Utility Box Task Force.** No new information
- D. Regional Bike Corridor Project, Mid-City & Uptown. Chair Carlson reported that** at the last SANDAG Bike advisory group meeting, Bike San Diego and others were strongly supportive of El Cajon Blvd as main regional bike corridor through North Park. Consensus seemed to be that commercial corridors are the preferred location for regional bike tracks because they have lots of “eyes on the street” and good lighting, all conveying a sense of safety to cyclists, as well as pre-existing MAD’s to assist with maintenance and enhancements. However, in answer to her questions, SANDAG staff said Mid-city Bus Project already 100% designed. Which makes it unlikely that SANDAG/MTS would redesign the project as a “complete street” to allow for cycle tracks at this late stage. Meade St. was discussed as a possible bike corridor instead, with potential benefits being that it is a less busy street, and bike track enhancements might include greening & mini parks along the way.
- Vidales added that biking group has concerns about right turn conflicts between bikes and vehicles, other technical design issues on El Cajon Blvd because of bus lanes, busy traffic, etc.
 - Hill asked about Jim Varnadore’s (City Heights) published letter expressing concerns about biking corridor. Chair Carlson had spoken with him and he was not referring to Regional Bike Corridor Project, but to a North/South bike route in City Heights proposed by a local group which he did not feel went through the appropriate process and might conflict with Regional Bike Corridor Project.

Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items. None

Next Meeting date: Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn meeting Steppke/Bonn. 6-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.